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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 960,000 head as of February 1, 2010. The latest inventory was down 5 percent from January 1, 2010. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 170,000 head of fed cattle during January 2010. This was 10 percent above December 2009 marketings of 155,000 head but no change from a year ago. An estimated 130,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during January 2010, 35 percent below a year ago and 18 percent above December 2009 placements of 110,000. Of the number placed in January, 15 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 35 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 31 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for January was estimated at 10,000 head, up 5,000 head from last month, but even with last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on February 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.83 million, 2 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.76 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 445,000, 700-799 pounds were 560,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 420,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.77 million, 2 percent above 2009. This is the third lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of January since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 70,000 during January, 4 percent above 2009.